

### Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-13 (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising

- (a) at least one active compound for the treatment of plants; and
- (b) at least one N-vinylamide-based copolymer, wherein the copolymer is

composed~~ed~~consists of:

- (i) monomer units of at least one N-vinylamide,
  - (ii) monomer units of at least one ester of an ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid, and
  - (iii) 0 to 10 weight% of monomer units of at least one additional copolymerizable co-monomer selected from the group consisting of (meth)acrylamide, (meth)acrylonitrile, alkyl (meth)acrylates and alkyl vinyl ethers,
- wherein the monomer units (i), the monomer units (ii) and, if present, the monomer units (iii) form the backbone of the copolymer,
- wherein the carboxylic acid ester exhibits alkoxylate residues of the formula (I)



in which

$R^1$  is branched or linear, saturated or unsaturated  $C_{5-15}$ -alkyl;

$R^2, R^3, R^4$  are, independently of one another, hydrogen or  $C_{1-4}$ -alkyl;

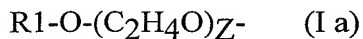
$w, x, z$  correspond, independently of one another, to a value of 0 to 100, the sum of  $w, x$  and  $z$  being greater than 0;

$y$  corresponds to a value of 1 to 20.

15. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein the N-vinylamide is chosen from N-vinylpyrrolidone and N-vinylcaprolactam.

16. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein the ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid is acrylic acid or methacrylic acid.

17. (Previously presented) A composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein the carboxylic acid esters exhibit ethoxylate residues of the formula (Ia)



in which

$R^1$  is branched or linear, saturated or unsaturated  $C_{5-15}$ -alkyl; and

$z$  corresponds to a value of 1 to 100.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein the copolymer consists of which comprises

- (i) 99 to 60 weight% of monomer units (i);
- (ii) 1 to 30 weight% of monomer units (ii); and
- (iii) 0 to 10 weight% of monomer units (iii).

20. (Previously Presented) A method of treating plants which comprises applying the composition as claimed in claim 14 as adjuvant to the plants.

21. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 20 for improving the effectiveness of an active compound for plant protection.

22. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 20 in plant cultivation, in agriculture or in horticulture.

23. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 20 for controlling undesired plant growth.

24. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the treatment is postemergence treatment.

25. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the treatment is spray treatment of plants.

26. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the composition is applied as tank additive.

27. (Previously Presented) A method of treating plants which comprises applying the composition as claimed in claim 15 as adjuvant to the plants.

28. (Previously Presented) A method of treating plants which comprises applying the composition as claimed in claim 16 as adjuvant to the plants.

29. (Previously Presented) A method of treating plants which comprises applying the composition as claimed in claim 17 as adjuvant to the plants.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously Presented) A method of treating plants which comprises applying the composition as claimed in claim 19 as adjuvant to the plants.